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My name is Darren Corrao. I have been a resident of Wailuku Heights for 15 years. I strongly oppose the ^{conditional use permit} petition and ask that you please prohibit any of the proposed commercial activity from being conducted.

I've seen this issue painted as someone trying to do good for young people and seniors versus a greedy neighborhood. ^{THAT'S ALL}

^{MRS. WILSON'S TOWARD}

^{ASIDE.}

This issue is not about preventing ~~charity and the care of~~ young people and seniors. Our neighborhood is filled with good people, people who care about our island, our community, our children, our seniors, and the Hawaiian culture. We are people who donate money to our island's charities, who volunteer our time and efforts. We're not different from the petitioner in our sense of community and charity. ~~We all care about them and work appropriately for them.~~ ^{but we}

This is not about greedy neighbors. We're plumbers, butchers, social workers, government employees, local small business owners, doctors, lawyers, and teachers. We have mortgages and children and homes to maintain. We work hard.

To me the real issue and consideration before you is simple: is it appropriate to allow someone to finance charitable and social activities by running a commercial business in a residential area? ~~This~~ is not about charitable events; it's about commercial events.

^{AND THE FARM TOURS}

^{Solely ABOUT}

^{the conditional use permit}

^{the same way}

I love animals. If I petitioned the County to get an exemption from my residential zoning and run a restaurant or a commercial kennel in my home because I want to help

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animals, would my case be here today before you? Would I have gotten this far? Of course not. It's the same thing here. Should ~~Lona Roche~~ be allowed to run a commercial business in a residential neighborhood because she wants to help young people and seniors? Of course not. I'm at a loss how this petition even got this far.

Mrs
Wilson

Running a commercial business is not the way to support a charity and charitable events. A person should finance their charity by setting up a nonprofit foundation, asking for donations, having an annual fundraiser, and submitting grant proposals. Heck, everyone here today would support that.

The County zoned Lona Ridge and our neighborhood as they did for reasons. The design of the area's use in no way considered commercial activity ^{and traffic} or traffic. The two simple roads in were only designed for residential traffic. In fact, there's a children's and family park right on the road Lona Ridge would use for its traffic! King Kamehameha Golf Club down the road hosts many of the same events with similar vistas that Lona Ridge is proposing. ^{Commercial} But the big difference is that King K is well-removed from any residential neighborhood and has a dedicated road up from the Honoapiilani Highway for its staging trucks and guest vehicles. It's an appropriate area for this business and has been zoned as such. Lona Ridge is not. The roads that it would need are not intended, nor appropriate, for commercial traffic.

This is not about charity and whether people are good or bad. It's about using inappropriate commercial activity in a residential area for financial purposes. This shouldn't have gotten this far. Please don't let it go any further.